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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Appln. No. 09/910,841	:	Examiner: Unassigned
Filed: July 24, 2001	)	
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HIROWO INOUE, ET AL.	)	
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Application No.: Unassigned	)	
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For: IMAGE FORMING SYSTEM AND	)	
IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS	:	March 29, 2004

**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

FOREIGN PATENTS:

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>
7-212706	Japan	August, 1995
7-040550	Japan	February, 1995
10-191246	Japan	July, 1998
57-185778	Japan	November 11, 1982

### REMARKS

The documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449, may be deemed pertinent because they were cited during prosecution of parent Application No. 09/910,841, filed July 24, 2001 and Application No. 09/021,459, filed February 10, 1998. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), copies of the cited U.S. documents are available in the above-mentioned parent application and are therefore not submitted herewith.

The above-listed foreign documents were cited in an Official Action dated June 27, 2003, in connection with a corresponding Japanese patent application. A copy of the Official Action also is enclosed. English translations of the Japanese documents are not readily available to Applicant's attorney, but may be provided if required by the Examiner. An English abstract obtained from the Japanese Patent Office also is provided as an English language statement of relevance for the Examiner's consideration.

Applicants also provide the following brief comments regarding the cited references. JPA 7-212706, JPA 10-191246 and JPA 57-185778 disclose a condition of the image correction; JPA 4-040550 discloses an operation of an ink-jet printer. However, Applicants submit none of these references teaches the feature of the present invention, as recited in the claims.

### FEE STATEMENT

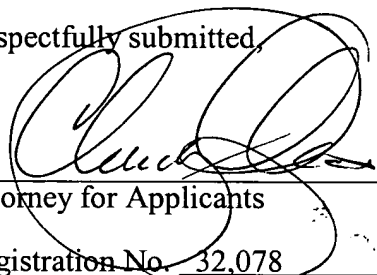
The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed together with the present continuation application. Accordingly, Applicants believe that no fee is required. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee necessitated by this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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*EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
		6,336,155	01/2002	ITO, ET AL.			
		5,696,850	12/1997	PARULSKI, ET AL.	382	261	
		5,633,678	05/1997	PARULSKI, ET AL.	348	232	
		4,875,174	10/1989	OLODORF, ET AL.	364	519	
		5,258,773	11/1993	ARAKAWA, ET AL.			
		5,345,315	09/1994	SHALIT	358	406	
		4,739,397	04/1988	HAYASHI	358	80	
		5,198,833	03/1993	KUBOTA			
		5,488,223	01/1996	AUTIN, ET AL.	235	375	
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
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		7-212706	08/1995	JAPAN			ABSTRACT
		7-040550	02/1995	JAPAN			ABSTRACT
		10-191246	07/1998	JAPAN			ABSTRACT
		57-185778	11/1982	JAPAN			ABSTRACT
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		4,574,319	03/1986	KONISHI	348	232	
		4,728,978	03/1988	INOUE, ET AL.	396	409	
		5,198,833	03/1993	KUBOTA	347	15	
		5,493,409	02/1996	MAEDA, ET AL.	358	296	
		5,619,646	04/1997	HOCH, ET AL.	395	200.01	
		5,668,581	09/1997	TSUJI, ET AL.	347	37	
		5,757,388	05/1998	STEPHENSON	347	2	
		6,115,137	09/2000	OZAWA, ET AL.	358	1.6	
		6,273,535	08/2001	INOUE, ET AL.	347	3	
		5,787,259	07/1998	HAROUN, ET AL.	709	253	
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